

MILITARY PROBERT SAYS CAVE RESCUE WORK UNDER WAY

7 TELL COURT OF RESCUE EFFORTS

Board of Inquiry Sits At Cave City to Hear of Collins Tragedy.

MILLER'S STORY GIVEN

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Following of court when Dr. Funkhouser faintly said that he was unable to address a question to Matlack, the last witness, who had just left the stand. He was revived and was able to go to his hotel.

Two Sessions Held.

The court convened at 10:00 o'clock this morning and moved through two sessions, much of the testimony being a reiteration of details concerning Collins' imprisonment and attempts that had been made to affect his release.

There were, however, moments of dramatic interest and also other moments when humorous situations flashed up and laughter swept the crowded police court room where the court was held. General Denhardt joined in the laughter when Captain Alex M. Chaney, court recorder, asked Dr. Funkhouser to "define for the court a sentence."

A great part of the testimony of Dr. Funkhouser, who is Professor of Zoology at the University of Kentucky, was given from or with the aid of the scientific field notes.

He explained that he was requested to come to the scene by Governor Fields and that it was as "cave man" that he had expected to be of assistance. The rescue now has become a problem for engineers he added, and said that only in event the rescue party could become a "cave project" would he be able to give aid.

He told in detail of the methods used to determine the location for the shaft which is being sunk, of the failure of banana oil tests, of the discovery of entrance to come in back of Collins, and said he believed efforts to discover another such entrance held out only the very slightest chance of success.

Dr. Funkhouser declared he knew nothing of engineering, but stated most emphatically that he believed the course pursued in the rescue of the cave man was the best one and added that "if it were to do over again he believed the same course should be followed."

Testimony of Dr. Funkhouser was added to that of witnesses preceding him that the rescue steps had been taken in pushing the work of rescue and all were in agreement that the decision to switch efforts toward reaching the prisoners to the world route was an exhibition of proper judgment.

FOLLOWING IS THE stenographic

report of the Military Court proceedings at Cave City:

Q—What is your name?

A—William Burke Miller.

Q—What is your business, Mr. Miller?

A—Reporter for The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Ky.

Q—How long have you been engaged as a reporter?

A—I have been engaged as a reporter since October, 1922, but not at the Courier-Journal all of that time.

Q—What is your residence in Louisville?

A—2807 Duneside Street.

Q—When did you arrive at Cave City?

A—On Monday, February 9.

Q—What time did you arrive at Cave City?

A—I arrived at Cave City at 10:00 o'clock on Monday morning, February 9.

Q—Where did you proceed when you arrived at Cave City?

A—I went to the hotel and made inquiry about Sand Cave and whether or not there had been anything done, or if Collins had been gotten loose.

Q—What was your information as to the condition at Sand Cave?

A—I was informed that Floyd Collins had been in Sand Cave since the Friday before. That he had gotten caught in there while pushing through a chinking through a crevice in an exploration of the cave, and that he had been warned by Floyd Collins before he went in that if he didn't come back they would look where to find him. As I understood it at that time he had been in the habit of asking the boys in the rescue party to go with him in these explorations, but had warned them that it was a little bit dangerous.

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WOMAN operator at Cave City has borne brunt of news dispatches.



Mrs. James L. Farris, her daughter, Helen Tucker Farris, and Judith and Brent Campbell, relatives.

G LARGOW, Ky., Feb. 10.—

James L. Farris, agent and operator for the Postal Telegraph Company at Cave City, is

one of the unsung heroes on the attempt to rescue Floyd Collins from Sand Cave. Mrs. Farris worked day

and night at the telegraph station during the early stages of the rescue work. When she was almost

exhausted, Noah Foxworth, Highland Springs, a neighbor, came to her assistance. Later two operators from

Louisville were sent to help in the work of telegraphing work from Sand Cave, serving thousands of news-

papers in the country. Mrs. Farris is the daughter of the late George T. Tucker, owner of the Tucker Telephone System of Southern Kentucky. Mrs. Farris is assisted by her

husband, who has offered his cooperation to newspaper men at the cave.

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Got Equipment Together.

Q—APPROXIMATELY how many

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